RPF Assistance posts are at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with the Government Railway Police;

Periodic co-ordination Meetings with the Police Authorities are held to analyse the crime position with a view to lake suitable preventive measures; and

Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence are shared between RPF and the GRP at all levels.

Ahmedabad-Somnath narrow gauge Rail Line

†*269. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to convert narrow gauge rail lines into broad gauge in the near future;

(b) if so. the details thereof and by when this work is likely to start;

(c) whether Government are also considering to convert the Ahmedabad (Gujarat)—Somnath (Veraval) narrow gauge line into broad gauge; and

(d) if so. by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b): No, Sir. However, the gauge conversion of some of the narrow gauge lines into broad gauge is already in progress, details of which are as under :

1. Miraj-Latur
2. Bankura-Damodar River Railway Line
3. Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katangi
4. Naupdada-Gunupur
5. Rupsa-Bangriposi
6. Ranchi-Lohardaga

(c) There is no narrow gauge line between Ahmedabad and Veraval. But there is a meter gauge connection between Ahmedabad and Veraval *via* Botad, Dhola, Jctalsar. There is no proposal to convert this meter gauge line into broad gauge. However, a part of this route *i.e.* from Boated-Dhasa via Dhola and Jetalsa to Vcrval are under conversion as a part of other sanctioned projects.

(d) No target date has been fixed due to constraint of resources.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.